

KENNETH E. YOUNG - GREENVILLE JCT. ME. ^{193rd Co. Millinocket} ~~160th Co. Greenville~~: " During the late months of 1934, I was employed by Great Northern Paper Co. at the East Moxie operation on Sandy Stream.

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" We worked down thru to Sourdahunk Stream and camped in an old Northern Irving camp near Lily Pad Pond. We would work about three miles ahead of our camp and then move up. The next driving camp where we camped was on the West Branch of the Penobscot River. We worked from there up thru to Rainbow Lake. We had a nice spot for our tents there, a nice place to swim below the dam and a nice ~~xxxxxx~~ spot for the cook tents. At that time Boynton's Camps were nearby and Fred Cliffords Camps were in use catering to the sporting public. We built one of our lean-to shelters (Adirondack) there for the use of the trail travelers.

" We camped in a few more places before finally reaching Nahmakanta Lake. We built another of the shelters there near the dam.

" By that time, it was Oct 31, 1935, and we began to hear rumors that our whole outfit would be transferred to Ellsworth, ^{the} rumors became reality. ~~Before continuing, I wish to state that~~ The businessmen and all the folks of Millinocket tried their best to keep us there, but to no avail."

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